# NOMINATION OF MICK KRONMAN TO MLPA SOUTH COAST REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

The following information to support the nomination of Mick Kronman to the subject working group in the order presented via email from Ms. Melissa Miller-Henson dated June 23, 2008.

#### Nominee name and complete contact information, including email address

Mick Kronman. Harbor Operations Manager, City of Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA 93102

#### How the applicant meets each of the selection criteria

Able to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA South Coast Study Region

I was raised in Santa Monica, spending free time fishing, snorkeling and surfing. I attended UC Santa Barbara, earning a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, before taking to the sea for a living. I worked several years--first as a deckhand, later as a licensed captain--on passenger-carrying, recreational dive and fishing vessels that operated out of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Channel Islands Harbor, fishing the coast from Malibu to Point Conception and all of the Channel Islands. Following this experience, I bought a 32' wooden fishing boat, which I used for 10 years, catching rockfish, swordfish and albacore. This activity took me from Mexico to San Francisco.

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My lifelong interest in and knowledge of marine affairs in Southern California, coupled with my communication skills and knowledge of the regulatory process, make me a qualified candidate for the MLPA Regional Stakeholder Working Group.

## Able to balance a south coast regional perspective with localized knowledge

As per details provided above, I have extensive experience with habitats, ecology, marine species and extraction/conservation dynamics throughout the study region. Interpretive skills developed through local knowledge and participation in regional, state and federal regulatory processes would be applied throughout the study region. My journalism and consulting experience will also help in this regard, as I have researched (and been to sea in) every

commercial fishery in California, and studied a range of industry, conservation and community issues surrounding each.

Willing to express fundamental interests (as opposed to fixed positions) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more stakeholder groups

As a representative from the public sector, I would bring no bias to the table. Rather, in accordance with requirements of the MLPAI process, my interest would be to advance the public good per state law, including the fair balance of interests involved in this important decision-making process. I have also been formally trained in interest-based negotiations, so I am familiar with the fundamentals of consensus building around contentious issues.

Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of the full range of constituencies

My job as Harbor Operations Manager for the City of Santa Barbara (ninth year in that capacity), suits me well to the task of balancing the interests of various constituents. As a daily endeavor, I work with commercial fishermen, sport fishermen, conservationists, tenants, liveaboards, sailors, power-boaters, yacht owners and more. I am, therefore, quite experienced at balancing interests and finding common ground for the public good.

Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public meetings

I am confident in my ability to use email, letters, phone, media contacts and other communication means to reach stakeholders unable to attend meetings. As a member and past president of the California Harbormasters and Port Captains Association, I also have access to valuable distribution mechanisms throughout the study area, by which I can reach individual harbors for posting of electronic information, flyers, news articles, etc. I also edit the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department's newsletter, and can keep regional interests apprised this way.

Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group.

Committed to this objective, or else I would not have applied. I have the support of my boss, Waterfront Director John Bridley, who expects the same.

Current and past affiliations with stakeholder groups active in marine resource management

I worked as paid consultant for NOAA (Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary), Ventura County (Channel Islands Harbor Director), Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, CA Lobster Fishermen's Association and Southern California Trawlers Assn. Served as at-large representative on CINMS Sanctuary Advisory Council. Past member and past chair, Santa Barbara City Harbor Commission. Past president and current member, California Harbormasters and Port Captains Association.

Brief summary of past involvement in the MLPA or similar collaborative public processes to provide <u>advice on natural resource policy or planning</u>

I was actively involved during public discussions of the Channel Islands Marine Reserve process, so I understand intimately the process of defining interests, seeking consensus and balancing needs of people and the environment. Natural resource policy work, in my view, balances the interests of seafood extraction, conservation and the health of coastal communities, in a way that protects ocean habitat, ensures biodiversity, encourages sustainable fisheries and maintains the viability of coastal communities and the infrastructures supporting them.

### Willingness to commit the time for full participation

Yes. I have allotted the time necessary over the next year to participate to the fullest extent.

#### Descriptions of the organizations and individuals with which the nominee will communicate

California Harbormasters and Port Captains Association, City of Santa Barbara, various regional fishing and conservation groups, CINMS Sanctuary Advisory Council.

Specific communication and outreach mechanisms to be utilized Email, flyers, media contacts, newsletter articles, community meetings/public forums.

#### Areas of knowledge or expertise relevant to the project.

I offer expertise in commercial and recreational fisheries (activity, research and writing), marine conservation, consensus building and the regulatory process involved with fisheries regulation and establishment of marine protected areas.

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# HARBOR MASTERS AND PORT CAPTAINS

July 7, 2008

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative c/o California Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA. 95814 Attention: Melissa Miller-Hensen

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HARBOR MASTERS AND PORT CAPTAINS NOMINATION TO THE SOUTH COAST REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS **GROUP** 

Dear Ms. Miller-Hensen:

The California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains wishes to nominate Mick Kronman, to the South Coast Regional Stakeholders Group.

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In 1998, Mick was appointed to Santa Barbara City's Harbor Commission, and was appointed chair the following year. He was serving in that (voluntary) capacity in late 1999, when the position of Harbor Operations Manager for Santa Barbara City's Waterfront Department became available. Mick was appointed to that position in May 2000 and continues to enjoy his work in this capacity.

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Mick's interest and knowledge of marine affairs in Southern California, coupled with his communication skills and knowledge of regulatory process, make him an ideal candidate for the MLPA Stakeholders Group.

In addition, I would like to be named as Mick's alternate to the Stakeholders Group. I have worked in the local maritime industry for the past 30 years. Beginning in 1979, I was in the United States Navy, responsible for transporting military supplies and personnel to the Channel Islands on a weekly basis. After being Honorably Discharged, I began working at CISCO'S Sport Fishing in Channel Islands Harbor. During this period I crewed and operated on the Sport Fishing Vessel, China Clipper, daily on fishing trips along coastal areas and the adjacent Channel Islands. This allowed me to gain knowledge of local fishing areas as well as the existing Marine Protected Areas that were in place at that time.

I started working for the County of Ventura Harbor Department as a Harbor Patrol Officer in 1983. I was promoted to Harbor Patrol Captain in 1988 and then to Harbor Master in 1997. Since that time I have gained extensive knowledge in Harbor Operations. I held the Alternate seat on the Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council for the County of Ventura for approximately 5 years. During that time I was involved in the review of the existing management plan and provided input into the updated plan.

As part of my responsibilities as the Harbor Master for Channel Islands Harbor, I work closely with the representatives of the United States Army Corps of Engineers on local dredging issues, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services on endangered species habitat and wildlife protection issues, and the California Department of Fish and Game on local regulations and enforcement.

I believe my experience in the Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council and ability to connect with local user groups will be very helpful in the process. If selected I look forward to working with the group to obtain a consensus on the recommendations that will be submitted to the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need any additional information, I can be reached at

Sincerely, Reveller

Jack L. Peveler, President

California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains